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Forest Service to Waive Fees on National Public Lands Day

Roanoke, Va. – In recognition of the 20-year anniversary of National Public Lands Day on September 28, 2013, the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests will waive fees to all day use areas. A complete list of these day use areas includes:

- Bark Camp
- Brandywine
- Cascades
- Cave Mountain Lake
- Cave Springs
- Crabtree Falls
- High Knob
- Phillips Creek
- Pound Boat Launch
- Sherando Lake
- Todd Lake
- Trout Pond

Fee waivers only apply to day use areas; fees are not waived for overnight campgrounds and cabins, group picnic shelters, or recreation sites managed by concessionaires for any sites. The public is encouraged to call 888-265-0019 with any questions.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. NPLD began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. In 2012, nearly 175,000 volunteers worked at 2,206 sites in every state, the District of Columbia, and in many U.S. territories. 2012 was the largest NPLD in the history of the event.

Last year's National Public Lands Day efforts resulted in building an estimated 1,500 miles of trails; planting an estimated 100,000 trees, shrubs and other native plants; removing an estimated 500 tons of trash from recreation sites; and contributing an estimated \$18 million through volunteer services to improve public lands.

More than 1,900 sites have registered to celebrate public lands on September 28. To search for an event in your community, visit the national Public Lands Day Website at: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>.

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